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BIOGRAPHIC REPORT

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CASE NO.
DATE 13 December 1950

NAME **BERZINS, Alfred**

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NATIONALITY **Latvian**

BIRTHDATE 21 October 1899
BIRTHPLACE Province of Vidzeme (Livonia)

PRESENT POSITION Chairman, Presiding
Committee, Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of
Nations (ABN) Peoples Council
LOCATION United States

RACE
SEX Male
MARITAL STATUS Married
NAME OF SPOUSE

GEN. OCCUPATION

CHILDREN

EDUCATION Military School

RELIGION

POLITICAL AFFILIATION

LANGUAGES Latvian, German, Russian

ATTITUDE TOWARDS: U.S.

HONORS

U.S.S.R.

CAREER:

1918-1921 Latvian Army.
1921-1925 Writer for agricultural magazines;
Member, Latvian Peasant Party.
1925 Staff officer, Aissargi (Home Guards).
1934 Elected to Parliament;
Prominent in effecting the Ulmanis coup d'etat, 15 May.
1934-? Assistant Minister of Interior.
1937-1940 Minister of Public Relations - controlled the Aissargi, Chamber
of Labor and Labor Unions, and censorship of press, radio,
and motion pictures.
1940 Fled to Sweden to avoid consequences of Russian invasion.
1940-1943 Interned at Sachsenhausen concentration camp after being
arrested by Gestapo while travelling through Germany.
1943 Released and assigned job of clerk in the Industrial Accident
Compensation Department.
1948 A DP, United States zone of Germany.
--date Chairman, Presiding Committee, ABN (Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of
Nations) Peoples Council.
1950-date Residing in United States.

REMARKS:

Former Latvian Minister of Public Relations, Alfred Bersins, is reportedly the Chairman of the ABN, the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations, which organization includes representatives of underground movements of most of the countries now under the Bolshevik regime, and is purposed for the destruction of all Bolshevik oppression of nations.1/ He is the author of "I Saw Vishinsky Bolshevize Latvia" printed in 1948 by the Latvian American Legation.2/

Bersins has been described as being able and ambitious, very nationalistic, and not over friendly. An eloquent public speaker, he is reputedly anti-German and anti-Communist.3/

No photograph is available in Graphics Register, OGD. Procurement action will be initiated upon request.

SOURCES:

- 1/ State, D-129, Hamburg, 22 March 1950, Secret.
- 2/ State, D-130, Frankfurt, 16 September 1948, Secret.
- 3/ State, OGD, Riga, 31 March 1938, Confidential.

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